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Application No.: 08/831,845

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Please consider the following remarks provided in response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2001. All pending claims have been reproduced in an appendix below for the convenience of the Examiner. The appendix pages may be treated as substitute pages for the pages of claims in the present application.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12-16, and 19-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,303,361 (Colwell) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,815,703 (Copeland). Claims 3, 7, 10, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Colwell in view of Copeland and U.S. Patent No. 6,021,433 (Payne). Claims 4, 11, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Colwell in view of Copeland, Payne, and "The Java Language Environment."

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephone conference with the Examiner on February 12, 2002. The Applicants discussed distinctions between the claim language and the prior art Copeland (U.S. Patent No. 5,815,703) and Colwell (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,361)



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	27	MINUS	27	00	x 9 =	x 18 =
Independent Claims	03	MINUS	03	00	x 42 =	x 84 =
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
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Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is 冈 determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

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Respectfully submitted,

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